

Fellow Employees:

I want you to know that today the TJJD Board selected Linda Brooke to serve as your interim Executive Director after I leave the agency on March 31, 2014. I applaud the Board's decision and believe Linda is uniquely qualified to lead this agency as the Board searches for a permanent Executive Director.

Linda has served as my Chief of Staff since I arrived at TJJD in August 2012. Since that time, she has been an invaluable asset and an important part of every major decision that we have made regarding our juvenile justice system. She has an exhaustive knowledge of juvenile justice issues, law and practices and is greatly respected by practitioners at the local and state level. I am confident she will continue the great work this agency has accomplished during the past 18 months and make this interim period a very smooth transition. The Board has not set a timeline for hiring a new director but will begin the process of posting the position and accepting applications in April.

I ask all of you to give Ms. Brooke the same support you have so graciously given to me. It has been one of my greatest professional pleasures to lead this agency and I feel fortunate to leave it in such capable hands.

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